

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1935

By: Representatives Bragg, *Rushing*
By: Senators B. Pierce, Maloch

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT COURTS IN THE THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT COURTS IN THE THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1112(b)(7), concerning reorganization of local district courts to state district courts in the Thirty-Third District as of January 1, 2017, is repealed.

~~*(7)(A) The Thirty Third District shall be composed of the Counties of Grant and Hot Spring.*~~

~~*(B) The Thirty Third District shall have five (5) departments as follows:*~~

~~*(i) One (1) located in Sheridan;*~~

~~*(ii) One (1) located in Malvern;*~~

~~*(iii) One (1) located in Donaldson;*~~

~~*(iv) One (1) located in Friendship; and*~~

~~*(v) One (1) located in Rockport.*~~

~~*(C) The Thirty Third District shall be served by one (1)*~~



~~state district court judge.~~

~~(D) The Thirty Third District judge shall be elected districtwide.~~

~~(E) The Thirty Third District court shall have district-wide jurisdiction.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11, is amended to add a new section to read as follows:

16-17-1113. Reorganization of local district courts to state district courts of the Thirty-Third Judicial District as of January 1, 2021.

(a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2021, the cities and counties of the Thirty-Third Judicial District that are currently served by local district courts under § 16-17-901 et seq. shall be reorganized into a state district court district and served by state district court judges as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The new state district court judgeships created in the Thirty-Third Judicial District by this section shall become effective January 1, 2021, and shall be placed on the ballot to be elected in the 2020 nonpartisan judicial election from the newly constructed state district court district.

(3) The cities and counties of the Thirty-Third Judicial District that were previously served by local district courts and will be served by a state district court shall comply with the cost-sharing requirements established in § 16-17-1106, effective January 1, 2021.

(b)(1) The Thirty-Third District shall be composed of the counties of Grant and Hot Spring.

(2) The Thirty-Third District shall have five (5) departments as follows:

(A) One (1) located in Sheridan;

(B) One (1) located in Malvern;

(C) One (1) located in Donaldson;

(D) One (1) located in Rockport; and

(E) One (1) located in Friendship.

(3) The Thirty-Third District shall be served by one (1) state district court judge.

(4) The Thirty-Third District judge shall be elected

districtwide.

(5) The Thirty-Third District court shall have district-wide jurisdiction.

/s/Bragg